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Honorable Members of the Environment Committee:

My name is Susan Pronovost and I am the Executive Director of the Connecticut Greenhouse Growers Association ("CGGA"). The CGGA represents the interests of some 200 family-owned greenhouse growers and farmers in the State of Connecticut.

On behalf of the CGGA, I would like to take this opportunity to support Committee Bill 598, "*An Act Concerning the Production of Hemp in Connecticut*".

This legislation would establish the necessary licensing, oversight, and disposal of industrial hemp and hemp plant by-products in Connecticut in a manner which shall be consistent with federal law and in consideration of the public welfare.

Thank you in advance for considering our point of view on this matter and we look forward to working with the Environment Committee, the Legislature, and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture to ensure the success of this legislation that will further our state's agricultural interests and commerce.

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On behalf of the CGGA, I would like to take this opportunity to support HB 5481, *"An Act Implementing the Legalization of Industrial Hemp"*.

This legislation would commence the necessary process with the United States Department of Agriculture to fully implement and legalize industrial hemp. Industrial hemp is utilized in a multitude of products from building materials to over-the-counter medications for humans and pets. This would give some struggling family farms in Connecticut the opportunity to grow a new commercial crop that has great value on the open market.

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On behalf of the CGGA, I would like to take this opportunity to support Raised Bill 893, *"An Act Concerning an Enforcement Plan for Hemp Production"*.

This legislation would establish the necessary regulatory processes with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture which shall oversee the cultivation, site selection, and monitoring of this important new cash crop. We believe this legislation will satisfy public safety concerns regarding the regulation of industrial hemp which shall not exceed a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

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